



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (EMS) POLICY STATEMENT AS OF 20 APRIL 2005

VISION:

To be recognized as one of the premier Environmental Management Offices in the Air National Guard

MISSION:

Continually find new ways to reduce hazardous and solid waste generation and increase recycling and affirmative procurement efforts, while maintaining compliance with all applicable EPA, Air Force, and Air National Guard regulations.

SCOPE:

The EMS at the 179th Airlift Wing includes all operations and processes conducted at the installation. The EMS does not include operations conducted at a deployed location or those activities conducted by contract organizations.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Show solid increases in recycling and reuse efforts that gain support and participation from unit members.

- Data and progress will be tracked continuously to measure success.
- Installation Pollution Prevention (P2) Team will be tasked with researching and exploring new recycling opportunities, along with the coordinated effort of the EPA / DoD P2 Partnership.
- Continue to publish and distribute semiannual environmental newsletter, the "ECO-FILE" to all full-time personnel, to aid in education and awareness in June and December of each year.
- This measurement will be the number of pounds recycled, tracked over a multi-year period.

2. Show solid reductions in hazardous and solid waste generation.

- Data and progress will be tracked continuously to measure success.
- Implement incentive program rewarding unit members on suggestions that enable us to better reach our goal. Implementation of incentive program to be in place 30 Dec 03.
- Continue to publish and distribute semiannual environmental newsletter, the "ECO-FILE" to all full-time personnel, to aid in education and awareness in June and December of each year.
- This measurement will be the number of pounds of waste generated, tracked over a multi-year period.

3. Solicit feedback from key customers (shop personnel) with each measurable category scoring at least an 80% or above as an excellent or outstanding.

- Data and progress will be tracked using EMO Customer Comment Results, distributed to personnel on an annual basis in June, to coincide with the release of the "ECO-FILE."

4. Ensure Environmental Management personnel are provided with professional and career development opportunities.

- Ensure office personnel attend at least one workshop / conference annually.
- After attending any development / educational activity, the individual will provide a short after action report, showing at least two learning opportunities or areas for development / implementation.
- This measurement will be tracked indirectly without the use of charts or graphs. The measure of success will be the ability to "walk-away" from a workshop / conference with beneficial information.

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5. Establish continuous learning and continuous improvement in the environmental management field.

- Develop Environmental Office continuity / program book, describing key programs and processes, while looking for areas for improvement.
- Conduct quarterly shop inspections, aimed at improving environmental compliance and ensuring fewer potential regulatory findings.
- Receive an overall findings score of five (5) or less Environmental Findings during all ESOHCAMP inspections.
- Develop Interactive CD-ROM Hazardous Waste Training Program, designed to provide refresher training to shop personnel on an annual basis, which can be administered from any computer system on-base.

6. Show positive trends in reducing Diesel Fuel and Unleaded Gasoline Fuel consumption, working toward reduction goal by 2005.

- Data and progress will be tracked continuously to measure success.
- Develop working group to identify and implement preferred alternatives targeted at reducing installations dependency on fossil fuel use.

7. Fully implement Affirmative Procurement Program (APP) for IMPAC Card purchases and major construction and renovation projects.

- Develop collaborative working group, comprising Contracting, Civil Engineering, and Environmental to research and develop ways in which to implement APP.
- Track progress with APP and compliance as directed by AF and ANG directed metrics.

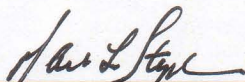
8. Complete closure and receive No Further Action (NFA) concurrence from state regulatory agencies for former Underground Storage Tank (UST) sites and Installation Restoration Program (IRP) sites.

- Provide continuity and local site presence through critical stages of IRP site investigation and closure, during periods of transition for Program Managers at ANG and contractors.
- Closure of IRP sites is identified as an objective in Wing Strategic Plan.
- Procure funds and oversee the closure of all former UST sites.

9. Ensure environmental compliance with all applicable EPA, AF, and ANG environmental regulations.

- Conduct quarterly shop inspections, aimed at improving environmental compliance and ensuring fewer potential regulatory findings.
- Attend annual Environmental Workshop, to learn of new regulatory compliance requirements and how those will impact the 179AW.
- Complete all required regulatory management plan reviews and report submittals by established deadline.
- Develop and maintain outstanding working relationship with Ohio EPA representatives.

Our Vision and Mission statements represent the foundation for which our Environmental Management System (EMS) is based. The successful completion of the goals and objectives require the cooperation and dedication by all 179th Airlift Wing personnel. As Chairperson for the Environmental Protection Committee (EPC) we do not look at these goals and objectives as our only obligations, but rather an evolving set of ideas and commitments that are subject to change as we accomplish each goal and objective, or as regulatory requirements change, or as new recycling and pollution prevention opportunities are identified.



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Date